

Confidence

Part 1: Running Out of Time

What do you feel when you consider FACING GOD ?

1. DESPAIR ?

2. DEFEAT ?

3. DOUBT ?

John wanted you to face God with CONFIDENCE

Instead of despair, JOY

We write this to make our joy complete. - 1 John 1:4 (NIV)

Instead of defeat, VICTORY

I write this to you so that you will not sin. - 1 John 2:1 (NIV)

Instead of doubt, ASSURANCE

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

- 1 John 5:13 (NIV)

John's confidence did not come from FIXING his life

John's confidence came from FINDING his life

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

The life appeared: *we have seen it and testify to it, and **we proclaim to you the eternal life**, which was with the Father and **has appeared to us**.*

Eternal life is a PERSON not a PLACE

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. - 1 John 1:1-3 (NIV)

Fellowship = LIFE-CHANGING relationship